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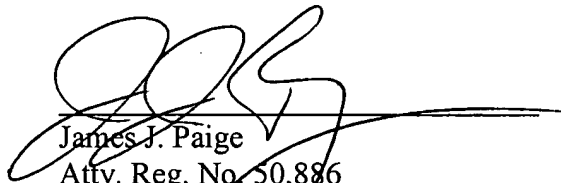
In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement sent on ~~October 04, 2005~~, the Applicant has canceled claims 22 and 23 with traverse and asserts the right to file the substance of these claims in a divisional application. Due to the restriction requirement and in accordance with the Examiner's Interview of October 18, 2005, the Applicant has chosen claims 1-21 and 24-30 which are drawn to an infrared lighting system. It is noted that these claims are a combination of Group I Claims 1-19 drawn to an infrared lighting system and Group II Claims 20-30 drawn to night vision goggles. However, as claims 22 and 23 were the only claims directed to night vision goggles, both the Examiner and Applicant agreed prosecution could continue with the cancellation of claims 22 and 23, thus leaving claims 1-21 and 24-30. This agreement is reflected in the Examiner's Interview attached herewith.

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment claims 1-21 and 24-30 will be pending and in condition for allowance. As these are the only claims pending in the application, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The application presents 3 independent claims and 28 total claims. Please treat any communication filed at any time in this application, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) towards timely submission as incorporating a proper petition for an extension of the appropriate length of time. If any additional fees are required to enter the present amendment, applicant hereby authorizes the office to charge our Deposit Account No. 061910. If the Examiner feels prosecution of the present application can be materially advanced by telephonic interview the undersigned would welcome a call at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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